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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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The amendment document filed on <u>10/27/2004</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDME	NT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:
 1. Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other 	QUIX.
2. Abstract:	
A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.B. Other	
3. Amendments to the drawings:	ROBERT POPOVICS PRIMARY EXAMINER
A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or
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number by using one of the following status identi	Il pending claims (including withdrawn claims). status identifier, and as such, the individual status tus of every claim must be indicated after its claim fiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
E. The amendments to the claims are not properly ill deletions shown using strikethrough; double brac five or fewer consecutive characters). See claims September 9, 2003.	ustrated (i.e., additions shown using underlining; kets "[[12345]]" may only be used to show deletions of (s): Claims 16 and 27 do not reflect the amendments of
F. The text of CANCELED claims is not to be include	<u>ded</u> .

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